

WOLFNER ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2016
JAMES C. KIRKPATRICK STATE INFORMATION CENTER
1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Meeting called to order

Roll call: *Conference Call:* Donna Riegel, Rita McGuire, Mary Dingus

Present at meeting: Peter Altschul; Deanna Noriega, Bob Jaco, Dan Flasar, Abbey Rimel, Bonnie O'Donnell, Lisa Hellman, Amy Nickless, Deborah Stroup

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and seconded.

Youth Services report-Hellman

The theme for the Summer Reading Program was 'On Your Mark, Get Set, READ!'

The program ran from May 30, 2016 through July 30, 2016 Participating in the program were one hundred and four children and teens. Seventy one completed the program.

The Friends of Wolfner Library provided six Friends of Wolfner Library t-shirts to the top three readers in the two age groups. The Friends also provided the prize books for the seventy one who completed the program and 2 iPad Air 2s as the grand prize for each age group.

Wolfner Library's Early Literacy Program: 'Racing to Read'- Hellman

Wolfner Library has adapted the 'Racing to Read' program model used statewide by Missouri public libraries. Children from birth to six years old are eligible for the program. This program began October 15th and is supported, in part, by the Friends of Wolfner Library.

After the patron is registered for the program, six kits will be mailed out through the course of a year. Each kit focuses on a different early literacy skill to get children ready to read.

The skills include:

- 1) Touching and Sensing
- 2) Rhyming and Singing
- 3) Playing with Books
- 4) Letters and Dots
- 5) Telling a Story
- 6) Words Everywhere

Teen Poetry Contest- Hellman

Wolfner Library is hosting its first teen poetry contest for patrons between the ages of thirteen and eighteen. The contest begins October 15th and ends December 12th. Winning poems will be published in Wolfner Library's Spring Newsletter. Winners will receive a Wolfie-the Wolfner Library dog-plush toy. Their work will be recorded and brailled. Teens can submit their poems via mail or email, handwritten or typed. A release form, including the patron and guardian's signatures, must be submitted with the poem to be considered.

Walter Barga, Missouri's first Poet Laureate will judge the poems. The poetry contest winners will be announced in the Spring 2017 Newsletter.

Outreach- Rimel

We'd like to include outreach on Television and radio. The new Secretary of State Communications department must approve context.

An interview about books and book clubs was conducted on 'Mind's Eye' radio show in Belleville, ILL.

Altschul- Peter asked Amy how she was going to build on her South East presentations.
Nickless- Amy responded that she did a mass calling and mailing of information to area libraries and health departments.

Altchul- Do libraries have outreach to rural areas?

Riegel- Library budgets cuts have inhibited extracurricular activities.

Outreach projects are on hold depending on new administration approval.

State Library report- Abbey

The Missouri State Library had a booth at the MLA Conference in Springfield.

1) State Library staff gave three presentations.

- A) On the new tumble books for preschoolers;
- B) developing programs for the next LSTA five year plan
- C) an overview of Wolfner Services with a request to share information about Wolfner.

The budget request for Fiscal year 2018 is being prepared. Library program funding should remain level.

Proposed draft guidelines and standards for the regional Libraries for the Blind and Physically Handicapped will be discussed at the annual meeting of State Librarians on October 24 in Minneapolis, MN.

LSTA Debbie Musselman

LSTA (Library Service and Technology Act Grant) funds are used for both personnel and operations of Wolfner Library. A vast majority of the LSTA funds and General revenue funds go to support Wolfner personnel. The fund also supports book purchases, printing newsletters and telephone service.

Funding is authorized by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Bill S3391 has been introduced to renew LSTA. Every year \$200 million dollars is distributed among every state by IMLS. ALA (American Library Association) has asked senators to co-sponsor S3391. How funds are spent is determined at the state level.

The State Library gets about \$3,000,000 per year. Fifty nine percent of the funds go to State services such as Wolfner Library. Thirty nine percent goes to competitive grants to support local libraries and one percent goes to Library development operations.

The state must match thirty four percent of the funds which is about \$1,000,000. We also need to have 'maintenance of effort' of the funds. Those funds have to come through the Secretary of State office. We do use Wolfner Library General Revenue funds as part of the maintenance effort.

Wolfner must develop a five year plan outlining how money should be spent. Three years into the plan goals are evaluated. We are now in this phase with our LSTA allotment.

Wolfner will do extra reviews on projects that meet ten percent of our overall costs, or ten percent of our effort if we're doing something significant to reach special populations.

An outside consultant firm will be hired to evaluate meeting our planned goals. We recently hired the consultant company Quality Matrix Inc. The consultant firm will look at patron surveys, interviews and Wolfner NLS Annual report. Consultants will speak with certain Wolfner Library Staff at an in-house meeting on November 16th. The goal is to see how much Wolfner Library has achieved with LSTA funds. The consultant firm wants to establish the benefit of services Wolfner provides. Specific targets in our current plan are: maintaining high service satisfaction levels, service population to increase by three percent. Institution levels have increased by sixty percent.

The consultants will look at the evaluation to determine some focal areas IMLS has. The time period for this LSTA service will be 2018-2022.

There will be meetings October through December on both the evaluation and the new plan. In mid-February there should be a draft of the evaluation. The end of February is when the draft of the new plan should be available. The evaluation has to go to IMLS no later than March 30, 2017 and the new plan for years 2018-2022 goes to IMLS no later than June 30.

Focus group will ask questions on the Wolfner service what's good, bad, indifferent, maintained, add, what moving forward.

McGuire- Do we know if our senators are signed up to co-sponsor the bill S3391?

Riegel- neither senators are signed to co-sponsor bill.

Altschul- asked Abbey about Book Share inclusion.

Rimel- We didn't have time to pursue it.

Riegel- There are access issues with Book Share that need to be explored before we can justify expenses.

Flasar – asked if patrons are becoming more independent of Wolfner with the ability to download books on their own from BARD.

Riegel- yes.

Rimel- There is a Reader advisor vacancy and Circulation vacancy. Working on filling the positions.

A report is being prepared of our accomplishments to the transition team including statements about the value of our mission and how it's providing equal access for all Missourians. Our staff will provide Wolfner Library information to the new Secretary of State transition team as requested.

Circulation projects-Rimel

The braille collection is being weeded. These books have outdated information on Science, Geography and history. They were offered to other libraries and sent overseas. Damaged books are recycled.

We have a new address label printer. This is being set up to print our labels by KLAS.

Some magazines had to be dropped from our collection because they are no longer being recorded. These magazines include Time and Better Homes and Garden. NLS has taken up production of these titles.

Veteran's book project. Rimel

Two veteran's homes are participating in the Veteran's book project. Mexico and Warrensburg.

Recording- Stroup

Wolfner has two more volunteers. Deborah is hoping to add a few more volunteers. Deborah needs a book reviewer.

Calvary High School students will convert 40 books to print/braille.

The Juliet 120 embosser is our new brailler.

Books that are being recorded: Stroup

- 1) 'A Road Trip into America's hidden heart' by John Drake Robinson
- 2) 'Stories from the heart' - by Gladys Cogswell..
- 3) 'Big Muddy Blues'- by Bill Lambrecht-
- 4) 'Jose Markus The Fashion Hound Murders'- Elaine Veits-
- 5) '75 years in the wilderness: A Christian agnostic's search for answers'- by Geraldine McMillan-
- 6) 'The Life of Folklorist Mary Alisha Owens: Voodoo priest, local savages and Ozark Gypsies.'-Greg Olsen.
- 7) 'A Victorian Christmas Tea'- by Katherine Palmer.

Flasar-Blind Missourian the NFB newsletter. Wanted to know how we could get it on BARD.

New Business-Rimel

Altschul-talked about the difference between the real time meeting and times on the agenda. Could there be a reflection of the true meeting time for agenda?

Rimel-The meetings have to conform to SOS policies. The meeting must be at least six hours long to justify ordering lunch.

Next meeting. March 24, 2017

